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Re: Response to Final Office Action for entry

Your Ref: Serial No. 09/738,464 Our Ref: P-4589

Applicants: Thorsten Laux
Assignee: Sun Microsystems, Inc.
Title: A SYSTEM AND METHOD INCLUDING A MERGING DRIVER FOR
ACCESSING MULTIPLE DATA SOURCES
Serial No.: 09/738,464 Filed: December 13,
2000
Examiner: Li B. Zhen Group Art 2194
Unit:
Docket No.: P-4589

Enclosed is:

- 1) Transmittal letter (2 pages); and
- 2) Amendment Under Rule 116 (15 pages).

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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith are the following documents for the response to the Final Office Action dated January 24, 2006 in the above application:

1. Facsimile Coversheet (1 Page);
2. This Transmittal Letter (2 pages); and
3. Amendment under Rule 116 (15 pages).

- ☒ No additional claims fees are required.
- ☐ The additional claim fees have been calculated as shown below:

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Transmittal Letter
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	Claims Remaining after Amendment	Highest No. Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Rate	Additional Fee
Total Claims	17	- 20	= 0	x \$50.00	\$ 0.00
Independent Claims	4	- 4	= 0	x \$200.00	\$ 0.00
First filing of Multiple Dependent Claim (Enter \$290)					0.00
Total of Above Calculation					\$0.00
Reduction by 50% for filing by Small Entity (Enter 0.5 for small entity)					1.0
Subtotal					\$ 0.00
Submission of Information Disclosure Statement Fee (enter \$180)					0.00
TOTAL					\$ 0.00

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☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees required for consideration of the enclosed documents, and to credit any overpayment of fees to Deposit Account No. 50-0553.

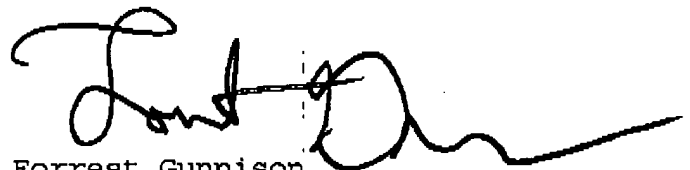
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AMENDMENT UNDER RULE 116

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 24, 2006,
please amend the above-identified application as follows:

1. Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of Claims which begins on page 2 of this paper; and
2. Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.